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July 2004



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS Col Tony Pineda

I am extremely proud of our teams from Florida and Puerto Rico. They did an exceptional job. I'm impressed with all the teams that participated in the National Cadet Competition. They worked together as a team and when working as a team anything can be accomplished. CAP has remarkable cadets. A person some time ago asked me how many kids I had and I responded 5,700. The person asked me again and I told him that's the number of my kids in the cadet program in my region. I feel the same about all of the cadets in our great organization. they are **SUPER!**

SER SUCCESS!

FLORIDA TAKES 1ST PLACE - COLOR GUARD PUERTO RICO TAKES 1ST PLACE- DRILL AT THE NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION



Florida Wing Color Guard Team

C/MSgt Jessica Aubuchon C/CMSgt Steve Suggs C/SSgt Cassie Wagner C/TSgt Kayla Smith C/SMSqt Jack Campa Capt. David Leali

Puerto Rico Wing Drill Team

C/2Lt Eva Bernard C/Ltc Cecilio Fantauzzi C/Maj William O'Farril C/2Lt Armando Del Valle C/Ltc Thais Hernandez C/Ltc Jonathan Vazquez C/2Lt Emanuel Balestier C/2Lt Felix Fermin C/Maj Nemechet Otero C/2Lt Carlos Martinez C/TSqt Felcar De Leon C/Ltc Ismael Rodriguez C/SMSgt Miguel Reyes C/Maj Christian Gonzalez C/1Lt Gerardo Ortiz C/MSgt Luis Colon

Also pictured are Maj Gen Richard Bowling, Col Tony Pineda, SER CC, Col Matt Sharkey, FLWG CC, Col Milton Tomassini, PRWG CC, and Capt. David Leali, FLWG (missing from photo, Lt Col Felix Davila, PRWG)



Maj Gen Bowling, Col Pineda and members of the Puerto Rico Wing Drill Team, after their Inspection and Standard Drill.



Florida Wing Color Guard Team as they present the flag to the judges at the conclusion of the outdoor posting.



Puerto Rico Drill Team preparing for Inspection and Standard Drill.



Col Pineda, Maj Gen Bowling and FLWG Color Guard Cadet Commander Jessica Aubuchon at the Awards Banquet.



Col Tony Pineda with the winning teams from Florida (red) and Puerto Rico (black).



Maj Gen (Dr.) James G. Roudebush, Deputy Surgeon General, Headquarters, USAF Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. congratulates Col Pineda on the SER winning teams.

SER STAFF COLLEGE 2004



CIVIL AIR PATROL COLLEGE CONVENES IN TENNESSEE

The six day in-residence Region Southeast Staff College for Civil Air Patrol officers at the McGhee Tvson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee Alcoa. was successfully completed on 30 July 2004 with presentation of diplomas to all students attending from as far away as California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

This Staff College, under the direction of Lt Col Wes Hannah, Vice Commander of Florida Wing, provided an intensive curriculum of diverse courses presented by skilled

instructors from the U.S. Air Force, Air Reserve, Air National Guard and Civil Air Patrol. Subjects ranging from Effective Listening and Core Values to Air Force Air and Space Power were presented at classes and seminars from early morning to late in the evening during the six-day school.

In addition, each day students completed assignments developing their communications skills; writing press releases; producing a newsletter; and research for projects. Their aerospace workshop included the design, construction and flight of models.

Col John Wilkes, Mississippi Wing Commander and Col Jim Rushing, Tennessee Wing Commander joined the academic staff and provided valuable training and guidance for the student body toward their becoming CAP's Leaders of Tomorrow, which was the designed training goal of Curriculum Director, Lt Col Valerie Brown. Other members of the college staff included Lt Col Matt Ferris, Asst. Dir.; Lt Col Pat Faunt, Seminar Leader/Medical Officer; Lt Col Margaret Hannah, Finance/Administration Officer; Lt Col S. Buddy Harris, Instructor/Public Affairs Officer; Lt Col Ed "Gunny" Wasserman, Seminar Leader; Maj Jean DuBois, School Evaluator; Maj Jaime Rojas, Seminar Leader; Capt Robert Saltsgaver and Capt Russ Loomis.

On the final day of the Staff College, Lt Col Wes Hannah proudly presented a well-deserved diploma and class photo to every student and his personal thanks for the efforts so generously and professionally provided by each member of the faculty staff.

The authoring of the refined and revised curriculum for this 2004 Regional Staff College was a major accomplishment of Lt Col Valerie Brown. Lt Col Brown fulfilled the goal of the Director who was determined to graduate students who would be the leaders and mentors of tomorrow's CAP. "Students demonstrated their talents and their skills with exceptional dedication. The future of the Civil Air Patrol is in good hands", stated Lt Col Brown.

Southeast Region Commander, Col Tony Pineda, received frequent progress reports from the College Director, Lt Col Wes Hannah. At college wrap-up on the sixth day, Col Pineda communicated to the students and staff that he was, "Extremely pleased and proud with the total success of the newly designed Regional Staff College curriculum. The learning experience, as expressed by the students, has far exceeded my highest expectations. This year's college was truly a test of our new teaching techniques, new subjects, new subject matter, and new staff responsibilities. It all worked and it all came

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together." Col Pineda continued, "Training of our Civil Air Patrol officers is an imperative to providing additional depth for every staff officer position in our squadrons, groups, wings, and region. This Staff College has successfully initiated what will now be a prototypical program."

Congratulations to the following graduates of the 2004 Southeast Staff College: CAWG: John Longley, Theresa Longley; FLWG: Melissa Cook, Michael Cook, Lee Ann Curry, Robert Curry III, Jose Fernandez, Raymond Meyers; GAWG: Guillermo Heredia, Jr., Vincent Murray II, Scottie Nations; KYWG: John Witmer; MSWG: Richard Milling, Anthony Williams; TNWG: Gary Spradlin.

SER OPERATIONS

Submitted by David Lehtonen, Lt Col, SER Director of Operations

SER Operations responded to a Florida Wing member's request to allow the wearing of shorts during the hot summer months while conducting flight operations. This was discussed with Col Pineda and Col Skiba with the comment that since the National Operations committee is reviewing this issue; it would be better to wait for a NHQ decision in the matter. SER Operations attended and supported the Florida Wing Assistant Maintenance Officer training at Leesburg Airport on 24 July 2004 where maintenance officers from the various wing flying squadrons were trained in the use of the purchase order system to obtain authorization for work on wing aircraft.

SER FINANCE

A personal note submitted by Bill Ferguson, Lt Col, SER Director, Finance

The Civil Air Patrol is the finest volunteer organization in the world and I feel honored to have served with the most dedicated, loyal, and generous people I have ever known. Col. Pineda is a tough, fair, and loyal boss, and I wish him the very best for the future. He richly deserves to be the next National Commander. I hope to continue to serve the Civil Air Patrol in any area that I am needed.

SER EMERGENCY SERVICES

Submitted by Luis Negron, Major, SER Director, Emergency Services

Homeland Security:

Customs Enforces Data Automation Requirement for Inbound Vessels. Starting on 6 July, Customs and Border Protection began full enforcement of the automation requirement for vessel carriers under the Trade Act Regulations, which provide that Customs and Border Protection must receive cargo information electronically via an approved data interchange system before the cargo is brought into the United States. "Customs and Border Protection needs accurate cargo data and we need it quickly to protect our homeland and the American people from potential terrorist threats entering through our seaports," stated Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert Bonner. "The automation required by the Trade Act will bring both the Trade and CBP closer into the 21st century."

Border Patrol Needs Better Strategies to Monitor Federal Lands The Border Patrol's strategy of deterring illegal entry into the United States by concentrating resources in populated areas is increasing illegal activity, indicated a June 2004 General Accounting Office report to Congress. Illegal aliens are diverting to remote federal lands, where the Border Patrol has placed fewer resources. The GAO recommends that the Secretaries of Homeland Security, the Interior, and Agriculture coordinate strategic and funding plans with regard to federal borderlands.

FEMA Updates Guidance for Continuity of Operations The Federal Emergency Management Agency has updated the five-year-old Federal Preparedness Guide 65, Federal Executive Branch Continuity of Operations, and on 2 July released a new guide for all levels of federal Executive Branch organizations. The new guide has been expanded to reflect new procedures since 11 September 2001. "This new preparedness guide gives the federal government's departments and agencies an effective, up-to-date

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design tool for developing and implementing continuity of operations plans," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Officials Look to Stop Mass Transit Terrorism (Oakland [CA] Tribune) "After terrorists bombed four crowded commuter trains in Madrid, Spain, this spring, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge summoned leaders of the U.S. mass transit industry to his hilltop complex overlooking the capital," reports the Los Angeles Times. "We need to make sure your systems are secure,' Ridge said, according to a participant at the gathering. 'Shall we do it in the same way we did the airports?' The transit officials were aghast. Checking for shoe bombs at subway turnstiles or running backpacks through X-ray machines at bus stops would paralyze a vital element of the transportation system. The good news was that Ridge was not making a serious proposal, but telling an inside joke to emphasize that he understood that techniques used to tighten security for air travel were impractical for mass transit. The bad news was that neither he nor members of his audience had a good alternative."

Security Intensifies for Political Conventions (*Washington Post*) "Convinced that terrorists are determined to disrupt the presidential election by attacking the United States, the government is mounting a massive homeland security effort as the run-up to the two presidential nominating conventions begins," according to the *Washington Post*. "Unprecedented security arrangements have been made for the conventions in Boston and New York, where authorities believe al Qaeda may see an opportunity to disrupt and perhaps alter the outcome of the Nov. 2 election. But the planning extends to 'symbolic events' such as Labor Day weekend, when large crowds will gather, and to Election Day."

Federal Agencies Fail to React Quickly to Hijacking False Alarms (Pleasanton, CA, Daily Review) "The federal agencies that respond to potential air hijackings have failed in a series of recent incidents to disseminate critical information, despite changes in the emergency response system after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001," according to the Washington Post. "The Federal Aviation Administration has created secure phone lines at all of its facilities nationwide to enable officials to immediately contact operations centers at five other agencies: the Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection and North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD."

FBI Investigating Terrorist Cells Raising Money in Mississippi (*The Clarion-Ledger, Mississippi*) "The FBI-Joint Terrorism Task Force is investigating terrorist cells that are raising money in Mississippi and sending funds overseas to support terrorism, said Bob Garrity, special agent in charge of FBI operations in Mississippi," according to the *Clarion-Ledger*. "We do have actual ongoing investigations into support networks in Mississippi,' Garrity said. Garrity would not say how many cells have been identified in the state, or where they are operating. He also would not say how groups in Mississippi are raising money. 'But oftentimes, while not specifically talking about Mississippi, these groups hold themselves out as charitable organizations raising money for health care for war victims in the Middle East or for orphans,' Garrity said."

SER MEDICAL

Submitted by Pat Faunt, Lt Col, SER Nurse Officer

SUMMER IS HERE – Be Prepared:

How to Avoid being struck by lightning:

- a. If you are in the water, get out. Avoid high places such as cliffs, dunes or lifeguard towers.
- b. Get indoors as soon as possible, preferably a large enclosed building, or vehicles with the windows rolled up.
- c. Stay away from metal such as flagpoles, light poles, beach chairs and metal fences.
- d. If you are outside on the beach don't lie flat, instead kneel with your hands on the ground and your head low.
- e. If someone is struck, call 911. If a group of people has been struck, treat those who are not breathing first. Start CPR after the 911 call. People who are unconscious but breathing probably will recover. If possible move yourself and the victim to a safer location to avoid being struck again. (people struck by lightning do not carry a charge, so it's safe to touch them). Watch for burns around jewelry and watches.

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Heatstroke / **Heat Exhaustion**: Heatstroke is a true emergency. The person will be confused and probably will not be sweating. Call for help then immediately immerse the victim in cool water to reduce the body temperature. If you don't, death can occur or irreversible brain damage may happen. You must reduce the core body temperature (the chest and abdomen are core) so they are the most important to immerse.

Cold wraps, wet towels and ice cubes are not effective, and we don't use alcohol rubs anymore. If you can't immerse the victim in water, remove the clothing and spray the skin with water while fanning the victim, (evaporative cooling). Do not give anything by mouth and get the person to a doctor.

Heat Exhaustion: Usually profuse sweating occurs. Have the person stop all activity and get to a cooler environment. Replenish body fluid by drinking Gatorade or a rehydration formula. You can make your own rehydration fluid; in one-quart water mix 2 tablespoons of sugar or honey, a tablespoon of salt and a tablespoon of baking soda. Add half a cup of orange juice, coconut water or a mashed ripe banana. It may take 1 or 2 quarts of this fluid before the person improves. Plain water or juice alone will not replenish the salt loss

Sunburn: Wear sunscreen; don't stay in the sun too long. If you have already been sunburned use cold compresses on the burn area or take a cool bath. Stay hydrated. When you can touch the skin without extreme pain sooth the burn with aloe gel or other water based moisturizer. If you blister don't pop them it can cause infection. Remember the sun is strongest from 10AM to 3PM.

Take care and Stay Aware

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

To: Col Anthony Pineda SER Commander Ch Lt Col Ralph Rivers, SER Chaplain

Dear Sirs

As you are aware the Florida Wing has developed a most successful project supporting deployed military personnel from Florida and other areas of the country. Many of our Florida units and personnel have devoted their time, efforts and funds to Support The Troops.

Over the course of time others personnel of SER Staff and other Wings have assisted in this effort or asked how they could Support The Troops. For example the Mississippi Wing Chaplain contacted me and is now developing a program for their Wing.

The success of the Florida Wing has fostered a level of respect for the CAP among tens of thousands of deployed military. This exposure has also resulted in returning personnel asking about CAP and how they can become involved. For example a Chaplain that was in Iraq with the US Army is now retiring to the Tallahassee area and once settled in he is now interested in serving as a CAP Chaplain for the unit in that area. An Army Captain that returned last year to the Atlanta area was given information about CAP units in that area for him to review and see how he could serve as a Senior Member.

With the current drive to support the troops in the Jacksonville area the exposure of CAP to the public will become more profound. The Florida Wing CAP DMSP is the lead organization of a collection of organizations including the full support of the Mayor of Jacksonville and his staff. This week collection barrels are being put in all 52 fire stations with the CAP logo, the City of Jacksonville and other key sponsors. The barrels are for citizens to drop in their items for the troops. Congressman Ander Crenshaw will meet with me [in CAP Uniform] at the donated processing area on Tuesday where he will help pack boxes for deployed members of the Florida National Guard and the Sea Bee detachment from NAS Jacksonville. This will be covered by the news media.

This program's primary purpose is Supporting The Troops. It networks with others, helping us carry the load of doing so. The natural by product of this effort has been the exposure of CAP to elements of the

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public in a favorable way that had no prior knowledge of the CAP. It is almost like we get to have our cake [supporting the troops] and eating it to [exposure to the citizens].

As this program has grown so has the confidence of deployed commanders and others involved in tracking the deployment of troops in what the Florida Wing is doing to support the troops. This confidence has opened the door to provide their complement and sensitive information about deployed units. We currently have more units and personnel to support than we can support.

The reason for this communication is to ask for the expansion of this program into the other elements of the SER. It is with the permission of the Wing Commander and Wing Chaplain that I am writing this communication to you. I would propose the following:

- 1. Wings that wanted to become involved should contact the Florida Wing Chaplain. Chaplain Major Carson would explain briefly the program and if they are interested he will refer them to me for advise on how their Wing can proceed. He could also initiate that contact by sending a communication to all of the other Wing Chaplain of SER.
- 2. A standard of operation instruction is being developed that would advise the action at the Wing, Group and Unit levels in supporting the troops. It should be ready for publication soon. This will help standardize the system to be more effective.
- 3. If you would desire to appoint a Project Officer for the SER to oversee this program that would be great. If one is not available then I could assist in that area from here. We have made a lot effort and with that some mistakes that can help us help them to support the troops on a fast track action.

Both of you have been strong supporters already, for which I am grateful. How long will this project go on? We started back in 1999 when Chaplain Rivers was the Wing Chaplain and I was the Group Two Chaplain, we expanded to the whole Wing by permission of the Wing Commander in 2001 and it has expanded from there. We can only hope that the conflict ends and our troops come home. However, we will never be without deployed military that still need our support even if they are not in areas of conflict. The best answer I can give is "when the last GI comes home!"

Thank you for considering my request. Chaplain Painter

Chaplain Lt Col Dewey Painter, Sr., CAP Florida Wing Chaplain Emeritus 7840 Fawn Oaks Ct Jacksonville, FL 32256 904-356-5032 - office

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I.A.C.E. CADETS

Submitted by Eileen Parker, Col, SER Vice Commander

SOUTHEAST REGION sponsors BBQ and Activities for I.A.C.E. Cadets

Col Pineda sponsored a BBQ for a group of I.A.C.E. cadets visiting South Florida from Australia, Japan, and England on Saturday, July 24, 2004 during Orientation Flights at Tamiami Airport. Hot dogs and hamburgers were consumed while meeting new friends and comparing CAP programs.



I.A.C.E. continued

On Tuesday, July 27th, the I.A.C.E. cadets along with cadets from West Broward Composite Squadron and West Cadet Squadron enjoyed dinner, compliments of West Broward at the home of the SER Vice Commander, Col Eileen Parker. The cadets all enjoyed playing "Sting Pong" (rough version of Ping Pong) and some relaxation in the hot tub.

SER was able to provide 40 tickets to the Florida Marlins game on Wednesday, July 28th. For some of the I.A.C.E. cadets, this was their first Baseball Game. It rained, the Marlins won and everyone had a great time.

SER PERSONNEL

Submitted by Diane Reid, Maj, SER Director of Personnel/PAO

Promotions around the Region

John Dell	TN-133	Lt Col
Robert Filler	FL-051	Lt Col
Michael Harding	FL-372	Lt Col
Delbert Pemberton	FL-044	Lt Col
Frederick Thurman	MS-051	Lt Col
Frank Waid	FL-126	Lt Col
James Whitley	FL-310	Lt Col

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lt Col Jack Bradberry	August 19 th
Lt Col Janet Kendrick	August 29 th
Lt Col Art Wolff	August 31 st
Maj Norma Wendt	August 13 th
Mai Richard Stiliha	August 18 th



PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ALABAMA WING Commander: Col John Tilton

Submitted by Pat Mitcham, Major, AL Wing PAO

New Mobile Command Center



It's been a year in the making. Last year the Alabama Wing Vice Commander, Lt Col Mike Oakman secured this step van from a construction company, General Services & Construction. He had the outside repainted and an air conditioner was added. In addition to the painting, the interior of the van was fitted-out. It now has two workbenches that run the length of the van, and two upright cabinets and two lateral file cabinets were installed. Next, electrical outlets for electrical distribution within the van were installed as well as outlets to receive power from a 110-volt exterior source or a gas generator. A computer hub system

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and exterior outlets were put in to receive a phone from any exterior source. The van and the work that was done were completed through contributions and volunteer work from other companies. Currently the van is being checked-out and fine-tuned with the hope of being used by the rest of the Alabama Wing.

FLORIDA WING

Commander: Col Matt Sharkey

Submitted by Steve Schack, Maj, CC, FL-355

FLORIDA WING CADET RECEIVES AIR FORCE SCHOLARSHIP. C/Capt. Daniel Spratt, Deputy Cadet Commander of the Bayside Bridge Composite Squadron and formerly with the Tamiami Composite Squadron, has been awarded a 4-year Type 7 US Air Force ROTC scholarship. He will attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando with a major in Mechanical Engineering. This scholarship covers full college tuition, textbooks and most fees. In addition, a \$250 tax-free monthly allowance is paid and this amount increases to \$400 by senior year. This particular scholarship is valued at up to \$52,000. These awards are very competitive nationally and the end result is an officer's commission in the U.S. Air Force. Cadet Spratt intends to enter pilot training after earning his degree. He was also nominated by Congressman Bill Young for an appointment to the Air Force Academy and was offered a slot at the Academy Prep School this summer but chose to study in his home state of Florida. Spratt spent most of his CAP service at Tamiami Composite in Miami where he was a Color Guard Commander with his team placing second in Florida Wing Competition. C/Capt. Spratt is also a FAA licensed solo pilot and Eagle Scout. "Throughout my AFROTC and Academy interviews, people took particular notice of my experience with CAP. "I think it gave me an extra edge and really helped me get to where I want to be" said Cadet Spratt.

PUERTO RICO WING

Commander: Col Milton Tomassini

Submitted by Jose I. Ramos, Maj, PR Wing PAO

Two of our own to the Air Force Academy

SAN JUAN, PR—July 1, 2004 marked the beginning of a new time for two of the Puerto Rico Wing Cadets. For the first time in recent history both nominations from Puerto Rico to the United States Air Force Academy have been won by CAP cadets. Cadet Colonel Hila Levy and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jaime Martinez departed early in the morning of July 1st to begin their life as Academy Cadets (Class of 2008) and their journey to become officers in the United States Air Force.

Jaime Martinez Sr. said he is very proud of his son, "he has accomplished the first step of his dream, and we wish him the best and plan to visit him during Parent's Weekend this fall."



Cadet Col. Levy hails from the Muniz Base Cadet Squadron, SER-PR-126, and Cadet LTC Martinez hails from the Col. Clara E. Livingston Cadet Squadron SER-PR-122.

The members of the Puerto Rico Wing wishes them the very best and hope to salute them in the future as Air Force Officers. Puerto Rico, being a territory of the United States since the end of the Spanish-American War in 1898, has two slots for nominations to the Air Force Academy each year. Residents of

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Puerto Rico may request a nomination from either the Governor of Puerto Rico or the Resident Commissioner, a delegate to the US House of Representatives that has voice but no vote.

TENNESSEE

Commander: Col Jim Rushing

NEWEST CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER

(Memphis) – Monday, June 28, 2004 marked the newest CAP member enrollment with a Certificate of Membership in the Congressional Squadron, a flight suit with his name and rank that showed his immediate promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. To borrow a title of an old song, "There's a new colonel in town", Tennessee's Ninth District Congressman, Harold R. Ford, Jr. Ford was given his certificate and flight suit in a ceremony held in his Memphis, TN



office by Col. Jim Rushing, Tennessee Wing Commander. Col. Rushing had flown in from Knoxville to take part in the ceremony. In a lighter moment, CAP National Finance Officer, Col. Don Angel, noted that Ford could now be addressed as "Colonel Congressman Ford", which all present agreed would be a rather ponderous title. Group IV of the Tennessee Wing were represented by Major James T. Langston and Cadet Lt. Col. Josh Frizzell from the Memphis Belle Squadron, and 2nd Lt. Jim Futrell, Group IV Public Affairs Officer.

Today's safety slogan is:

"The Hotter It Gets On The Outside, The More Water You Need Inside"

SER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

18-21 August 28-29 August 11-12 September 30-31 October 5-7 November 27 Dec 04 – 02 Jan 05 National Boards, Tampa, FL SLS Training, Lakeland FL

Professional Development Weekend, MacDill AFB

Florida Wing Check Pilot School Tennessee Wing Conference

SER Winter Encampment, Tyndall AFB, FL

Commander: Ltc Robert Masiker, rmasiker@juno.com

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*Editors Note: 2004 is an election year in Civil Air Patrol. Col Tony Pineda, Southeast Region Commander is running for the position of NATIONAL COMMANDER. The election will take place at the National Board Conference to be held this year in Tampa, Florida from 18-21 August 2004. I would like to ask all of you to join in supporting Col Pineda in his run for the position of National Commander.